



# THE VOLUNTEER

## Iowa's Hunter Education Newsletter



Dedicated to the Volunteers that Keep Hunting Safe in Iowa

Fall 2002

### Included With This Newsletter

- New Student Manual
- New Instructor Manual
- New Wildlife Pocket I.D. Guide
- CWD Brochure
- IHEA Journal
- Email address request form

### This Years YHEC Heritage Award Winner



Pictured are Dr. James Pease of ISU Extension and Instructor/Coach Regina Jager of Eddyville. Regina is a past YHEC participant and was selected as the 2002 Heritage Award Winning Coach. The award goes to the coach that best represents the ethics, behavior, and sportsmanship that the Iowa Youth Hunter Education Challenge has become known for. Congratulations Gina! Thanks for being a great role model for all of us.



Our special thanks to Doug Delagardelle and Ken Aarhus and all of the Volunteer Instructors at the Buchanan County Sportsman's Club at Independence. Each student is issued a hand-made wooden firearm that is carried in a safe carry throughout the day. Their innovative teaching methods make learning hunter education FUN!

### Rod s Bullets

- **Focus Item:** As a result of good investigations and data collection, shooting at running deer greatly increases the risk of injury or death to your fellow hunting companions. It also fails to make a clean and humane killing shot to the deer. **Please instruct your students NOT to shoot at running deer.**
- The shipment of new hunter education manuals has arrived and has been distributed. Please use the old manuals before using the new manuals.
- We will use our old tests this fall. The Texas Company that we are now purchasing manuals from will take the questions we developed last year and create a new test to conform to the new manual.
- NEW Power Point CD. With the new manual comes a new PowerPoint presentation available on CD. There is an order form enclosed for delivery at the spring workshops.



- E-mail your student rosters. Contact your RSO for the latest newly improved electronic version of the Instructor Report Form and the Student Roster. You can then e-mail your class reports to: [webmaster@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:webmaster@dnr.state.ia.us)
- When an eleven-year-old student attends and satisfactorily completes your hunter education class, GO AHEAD and ISSUE the tan certificate. It state's right on the certificate, not valid until 12 years old. ELSI will not issue an eleven-year-old a regular hunting license.
- Be sure to allow plenty of lead time when ordering materials for your class from your RSO. This helps us help you.
- PLEASE provide your RSO with your class information. That way we can display your class on our hunter education web-site to ensure good attendance and customer service, <http://www.state.ia.us/dnr/organiza/fwb/enforcmt/course.htm>
- Address change and email address request form is attached. If you would like to receive your newsletter via the Internet please fill out the attached form.
- Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the job you do. Your dedication to safe and ethical hunting keeps hunting safe in Iowa. When dealing with families and hunting companions of hunting related incidents, you are the true hero's in keeping these incidents from happening. THANKYOU for what you do!

**New IHEA Instructor Board Member  
And New IHEIA President.**



John Sears was elected to the position of Instructor Board Representative Zone III at the Springfield, Missouri International Hunter Education Association conference in April. As IBR, John represents the interests of volunteer instructors in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and all states east. This is a great opportunity for Iowa instructors to have direct representation to the IHEA for the next three years. John is also serving you as President of the Iowa Hunter Education Instructor Association for the 2002 – 2003

year. During this year the IHEA will continue the focus of recognizing the efforts of the volunteer instructor and supplying you with training aids such as the Daisy Laser Ed training rifles, videos and information that you can use to beef-up your classes.

Your input is both needed and requested to successfully represent your interests, concerns and commitments to Hunter Education at the State and International level. Please check out the IHEA website at [www.ihea.com](http://www.ihea.com) You can contact John by phone, mail or E-mail at the following:

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Greeting from Northwest Iowa! I must say that my favorite day of the year has come and gone once again. The question is what is my favorite day? It is quite simple - June 21<sup>st</sup> as this is the longest day of the year and from now on the days are getting shorter which means that with every passing day we are one day closer to hunting season.

This summer has had two big events for me. First, I had the opportunity to attend the International Hunter Education Association's annual conference in Springfield, Missouri at the end of May. The conference was full of great information and there were many neat folks in attendance. If you ever have the chance to attend one of their conferences I would urge you to do so. Second, we made it through another YHEC weekend with everyone competing hard and having fun. It was YHEC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I would like to thank all the volunteers from District 1 that came to help put on this stellar event.

Spring workshops were a big hit as I had the best attendance ever. We had 96 instructors in attendance and 8 new instructors were certified. We threw a lot of info at you in a short amount of time. Thanks for your hard work and effort. Oh, by the way, your hats will be to you all very soon.

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Hard to believe summer is almost over. Please email or send me your fall class dates ASAP if you haven't already done so and I will add you to the list. All the guns have been cleaned and repaired and the distribution centers should be fully stocked with supplies. If a gun breaks while being used please tag it with the problems and notify me immediately so I can get it fixed. Also, if you need a copy of "The Last Shot" please let me know as I am going to hang on to the two copies so as many people can use them this fall.

I am planning to attend as many classes as possible this fall giving priority to those that I have not had the privilege of attending. Please send me any changes of address, phone or email so I can update my files. In addition, if you have any questions or needs call me at 712-260-1036 or email me at [mec360@mchsi.com](mailto:mec360@mchsi.com). So, until next time remember - Don't sweat the small stuff AND it really is all small stuff!

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Greetings to the Instructors of Northeast Iowa! I hope everyone is having a good summer. My summer has once again flown by and I'm sure yours has as well. It seems as most of my summer has been spent on the road. In June, several of us had an opportunity to attend the International Hunter Education Association Convention in Springfield, Missouri. The IHEA and the Missouri Department of Conservation were great hosts. There were many interesting speakers to listen to and vendors to check out. I did come home with a lot less money in my pocket after a couple of trips to Bass Pro Shops who are headquartered there. I also had the opportunity to spend some time with Instructors and Hunter Ed administrators from around the country as well as our very own Robert Burns and John Sears. Also, congratulations to John on his election to the IHEA Board. It is great to have some Iowa representation on the Board.

Shortly after returning it was time once again for YHEC. This was another outstanding year with fairly good weather. Somehow, Gary Purtillo, CO in Jackson and Jones counties and Safety Trail guru, once again came up with new ideas for the trail. The kids and coaches all

seemed to have a great time again this year. It is rewarding to watch the same kids return from one year to the next and see how much progress they have made. If anyone has ideas for the Safety Trail next year or would like more information on getting a team started, please let me know.

The most recent trip this summer took us back to Missouri. This time we were at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg to attend the Hunting Incident Academy. This again underscored the importance of Hunter Education and you, the Volunteer Instructor. While every accident we investigate can be a difficult and draining experience, it also serves to motivate us in our primary focus - keeping hunters safe. This having been said - it is a pleasure to congratulate you on another great year of hunter education. It is fun to work with some of the most dedicated, and certainly the largest, group of Instructors in the state.

This year, we will be switching to a new set of manuals. Many of you had the opportunity to see them at the spring workshops. They also come with a separate pocket wildlife ID guide. The graphics as well as the text in the new manuals are very impressive and professional. I will be interested to hear your feedback on these books. The input I have gotten from the Instructors who have used "The Last Shot" has been very good. Many of you seem to feel that it "opens the door" to talk about gun safety. Please continue to contact me with your ideas and input.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Whitetails Unlimited chapter in Fredricksburg who donated a digital camera to be used in Northeast Iowa. It not only has many uses during accident investigations but can also be used for the classes. It was also great to see this group send so people to the new instructor workshop this spring in Waterloo.

Keep up the great work in Northeast Iowa! In the first six months of this fiscal year, we certified well over 3,000 students in Hunter Ed. What an accomplishment! I look forward to seeing you at the workshops this spring. If I can help you during the coming year, please feel free to contact me. Have a safe and successful hunting season.

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Will it ever rain?! That seems to be the predominant question among hunters and farmers this summer in southwest Iowa. Crops are looking dry and ponds are shrinking in size. The one bright spot may be that this weather is actually good for the pheasant production in the area. The mild winter coupled with the dry spring and summer may boost the population of pheasants to a level far above last year's meager numbers.

With that bright spot in mind, it's time to start the big hunter ed. class season. I hope that everyone got a list of the upcoming classes for the southwest district. If you didn't, let me know and I'll get one to you. This year I arranged the classes both by county and chronologically. This was the direct result of suggestions I got from you instructors. So often, you (and we RSOs) get the question, "When is the next hunter ed. class?" This chronological list shows exactly when the next class is being held so you can intelligently answer that question.

By the way, thanks to all instructors who notified me of their upcoming classes for that list. It sure is nice to have all classes listed on the DNR website for customers to see whenever they want. I hope all instructors keep that website address handy for people who wish to check out the next class in their area. We are in the process of making it even easier to get to the class list from the home page. Stay tuned for further developments.

By the time you get this, all distribution centers should be stocked for this season's upcoming classes. Make sure that all supplies get returned to those centers as soon after your class as possible. There are classes every week for all of August and September so there is a lot of demand for few resources. No one wants to arrive at their distribution center to find that the materials they want for their upcoming class are in someone else's garage. It seems that videotapes are the easiest items to misplace. Please check your video cabinets for any misplaced tapes and return them to your center as soon as possible. These tapes are expensive, and we want as many instructors as possible to be able to use them.

Have I gotten everyone's email address? If you did not attend a spring workshop this year or have changed email addresses since then, please send me an email notification so you can be added to the list. This is the best way for me to make contact with as many instructors as possible with the least cost possible. Also, if you have a question or request, this is the best way to get that to me since I usually check my email first thing in the morning on every working day.

If any of you have student manuals in your stash of supplies, this will be the year to use them up. As soon as the present supply of manuals is gone, the new "Boat Ed" company's manuals will be used. I know that a lot of you saw the new manuals at the spring workshops, and I heard lots of good comments on them. It is a good product and as you look through your copy, please make comments and notes in it to help you the first time you teach from it.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for the time you spend each year teaching hunter ed. – especially when you could be out hunting or spending time with your own families. That shows true dedication on your part to the future of hunting and your desire to keep this great sport from fading away. Hunting is alive and well in Iowa – THANKS TO YOU!

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As mentioned previously in the newsletter, we will be having more changes coming soon. We will start using a new hunter education student manual in August along with a new wildlife ID booklet from a new source in Texas. I think you will find the new books very well designed. Please use up all of the old books that we can before using the new books. I will be re-supplying the distribution sites with new books, certificates, new forms along with ammo and clay birds in early August for the fall and spring classes. The distribution sites have seemed to save me a lot of miles transporting equipment from place to place. I currently have 107 firearms in the district, both live fire and gun handling only guns, so we should be in good shape for everybody to fill their needs.

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Please get your fall class schedules to me as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. Since I no longer get a copy of the instructor forms, the apprentice instructors need to send me their information that they have completed all of the requirements to become a certified instructor. Currently I have 25 applications on file of apprentice instructors that need to attend a certification workshop and another 22 applications of apprentice instructors that only need to help with one class or haven't taken the student 10 hour class as required by policy. Please send me your information ASAP so I can process these applications.

I have two home study classes scheduled so far this fall. One will be at the Southeastern Community College in Burlington on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The other class is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Ikes at the same time of day as the other class. If you have people calling that work nights and weekends and have difficulty making a regular class, please refer them to me. You may also refer people to our DNR website, which has listings of all the counties and class information that may be helpful to the public. The website is .

We recently got the new shipment of vests in Des Moines. I will have various sizes of vests with me this fall to pass out to the new instructors that have been waiting and others that need them as well. Thanks to everybody for your hard work in presenting the hunter education program in your communities. As far as I am concerned, my instructors are the best. Call or email me if you need anything. I will be seeing you this fall.

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It's good to be back to work!!!!!!!!!!!! After attending a hunter education course in Marshalltown all day Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, I went home and had a heart attack (literally). At about 10:45 that night I felt funny and my wife called the ambulance, I don't even remember the ambulance ride, even though I spoke with the crew and the staff at the emergency room when I got to the hospital. The next thing I remember is the next Saturday, when I "came to".

I had plaque that broke loose and plugged the left anterior descending artery, also called the "widow maker" by my heart doctor. Until recently the doctors were not sure that I would be able to come back to work as a conservation officer. Thanks to the thoughts and prayers of a lot of people I was able to start work today, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

I have learned a couple of important things I would like to pass on. The first is how great people are, especially all the conservation officers and hunter education instructors from all over the state.

The hospital staff said they had never seen so many coworkers helping a patient's family. I received cards and help from so many instructors I can't mention them all. Carl Ades even got my lawn mower fixed and would not take any money for it. I can't thank everyone enough for everything they did for my family and myself.

The other major thing I learned is to seek medical help as soon as you have any heart attack symptoms. I called the ambulance within 5 minutes of my chest feeling tight and the doctor said that if I waited another 5 minutes I would not have lived.

Now that I have filled you in about my summer off of work, I want to thank everyone for the work you do for the hunter education program. I hope I will be getting to a number of classes this fall and seeing as many instructors as possible.

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Well it's that time of the year again. The state and county fairs are for the most part over with, kids will be returning to school, and hunting season is just around the corner. The summers just keep slipping by faster and faster each year. I hope you all had a good summer and found time to get out and enjoy it with your families.

My summer was full of IHEA conference, YHEC, training at CMSU, boat and ATV accidents, and trying to catch up with other work. Oh, I did manage to squeeze a little fishing in from time to time. In June Marty



Eby, Brent Koppie and I were able to attend the IHEA conference at Springfield MO. Wow, was that something to see. We were able to meet hunter education instructors from all over the U.S. and share ideas. In talking to the other states it became apparent that we all faced the same problems, number one being lack of funds. Congratulation to John Sears in becoming elected to the National IHEA board.

After Springfield I went to my first YHEC. It was a toss up to who had more fun, the kids competing or me. I would have to say that YHEC was the highlight of the summer. It is a first rate operation that could not happen without all the dedicated volunteers that help set up, run the events and coach those teams of kids year after year. District 6 was very well represented this year. After YHEC Brent Koppie and I went to a Hunting Incident Investigation Academy at CMSU in Warrensburg MO. There we were trained in investigating hunting incident scenes. It included Conservation Officers from all over the U.S. It was very interesting to hear how other states handle hunting accidents.

Now on to the business at hand. A big pat on the back to all hunter ed. Instructors for a great job on the spring classes. We had only one turkey hunting incident this spring. That is simply amazing considering the number of turkey hunters that took to the field this spring. That just shows that persistence pays off. We have received the new student books and do they look good. I hope you will be as impressed as I was with them. The company also has a CD available with all the visual aid on it that is simply amazing. Please continue to use up the old books. I think we have enough to get us through until the spring classes. That will give me a chance to show off the new stuff at the spring workshops. You should see some reduction in class size this year compared to last year. We hopefully got the big push of uneducated hunters out of the way that were locked out of the ELSI system last year, but you may have still had a few procrastinators. I tried to get everyone that attended the workshops last year their hats and vests through out the summer. If I missed you please call or e-mail me so I can get you what I owe you. Remember on your classes this fall to push Zone of Fire and Shooting at Running Deer. It sounds like we should have better numbers of pheasant in the North half of the state this year. I would expect that there

would be an increase of pheasant hunting incidents over last year's low number. With that I will say good day and have a safe hunting season.

Acceptable handgun caliber's for hunting deer in Iowa:

Be advised that the caliber's marked with a \* have been added or changed since our first listing.

.357 Magnum  
 .357 Maximum  
 .375 Winchester  
 .38 Super  
 .40 S&W  
 .401 Powermag  
 10mm Auto  
 .41 Rem. Magnum \*  
 .41 Action Express  
 .44 S&W Special  
 .44 Rem. Magnum \*  
 .44 Automag  
 .444 Marlin  
 .45 ACP  
 .45 Colt  
 .45 Winchester Magnum  
 .45 Silhouette  
 .451 Detonics  
 .454 Casull  
 .45-70 Govt.  
 .475 Widley Magnum  
 .475 Linebaugh  
 .480 Ruger \*  
 .50 Action Express  
 .50 Linebaugh

Please add to the acceptable handgun caliber's for deer the .480 Ruger. Also the .41 S&W magnum and the .44 S&W magnum should read .41 Remington magnum and .44 Remington magnum.

	NORTH ZONE	SOUTH ZONE
Canada and White-fronted Geese and Brants	Sept. 28 - Dec. 6	Sept. 28 - Oct. 20 Nov. 9 - Dec. 25
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots (excluding pintails and canvasbacks)	Sept. 21-25 Oct. 12 - Dec. 5	Sept. 21-23 Oct. 19 - Dec. 14
Pintails	Sept. 21-25 Oct. 12 - Nov. 5	Sept. 21-23 Oct. 19 - Nov. 14
Canvasbacks	CLOSED SEASON	CLOSED SEASON
STATEWIDE		
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Oct. 5-5	
Snow Geese (both white and blue phase) and Ross' Geese	Sept. 28 - Jan. 12, 2003	
Woodcock	Oct. 5 - Nov. 18	
Snipe	Sept. 7 - Nov. 30	
Rail (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 7 - Nov. 16	
Spring Light Goose Season (snows, blues and Ross' geese)	Feb. 1, 2003 - April 15, 2003	additional regulations may apply

# Iowa 2002-2003 Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	SEASON	SHOOTING HOURS	BAG LIMITS	
			DAILY	POSSESSION
Youth Rooster Pheasant (age 15 or younger)*+	Oct. 19-20	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	1	2
Rooster Pheasant	Oct. 26 - Jan. 10, 2003		3	12
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 26 - Jan. 31, 2003		8	16
Gray Partridge	Oct. 12 - Jan. 31, 2003		8	16
Turkey (Gun)*	Oct. 14 - Nov. 30	One-half Hour Before Sunrise to Sunset	One Turkey Per License	One Turkey Per License
Turkey (Bow Only)*	Oct. 1 - Dec. 6 and Dec. 23 - Jan. 10, 2003	One-half Hour Before Sunrise to One-half Hour After Sunset		
Deer (Bow)	Oct. 1 - Dec. 6 and Dec. 23 - Jan. 10, 2003		One Deer Per License	One Deer Per License
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Oct. 12 - Oct. 20* (early) or Dec. 23 - Jan. 10, 2003 (late)			
Deer -- Youth (age 12-15) and Severely Disabled	Sept. 21 - Oct. 6			
Deer (Shotgun)	Dec. 7-11 (first) or Dec. 14-22 (second)			
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 5 - Jan. 31, 2003	Sunrise to Sunset	3	6
Rabbit (Cottontail)	Sept. 1 - Feb. 28, 2003		10	20
Rabbit (Jack)	Oct. 26 - Dec. 1		2	4
Squirrel (Fox and Gray)	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2003	None	6	12
Groundhog	June 15 - Oct. 31		None	
Crow	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 and Jan. 14 - March 31, 2003			
Pigeon**	Oct. 1 - March 31, 2003			
Raccoon and Opossum	Nov. 2 - Jan. 31, 2003			
Fox (Red and Gray)	Nov. 2 - Jan. 31, 2003	None (Open 8 a.m. First Day Only)	None	
Coyote	Continuous Open Season	None		

\* Residents Only.

\*\* Within 100 yards of buildings and bridges, pigeons may be taken year round.

+ See regulations for complete requirements

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- ☐ Please add me to the electronic email address mailing system for Hunter Ed
- ☐ Please provide me with a hunter ed powerpoint cd at the spring workshop.
- ☐ Please continue to mail my newsletters and communications via U.S. Mail.

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